# DECEMBER 2020

## **PEOPLE FIRST**

**Holiday Engagement Activities:** The Queen of Hearts, Tidewater Connection Alumni Association, Toys for Tots, and the Foodbank partnered in a *'Family Giving in the Community Winter Wonderland'* event. Food boxes and toys were delivered to 59 Tidewater Gardens households (on-site and relocated).



People First is organizing a Winter Coat Drive January 4th-29th to assist families from Tidewater Gardens. 146 residents have indicated need for a coat. City Hall is main drop-off location. Please help a family this winter with your donation in the new year. For more information, call 757-390-4365.

**Education:** 51 youth have been referred to academic support programs with Boys and Girls Club, Teens with a Purpose, and YMCA's E-Learning Academy and 36 are currently enrolled. This month, staff reviewed student report cards from Tidewater Park Elementary and discussed areas of need and support with parents.

Health & Wellness: Community partners are offering health and wellness services to residents. CHKD's Attachment Vitamins 10-Week Family Support Program meets every Thursday through January. This program is co-led by 4 resident ambassadors. Kaleidoscope Counseling LLC is providing a 13-Week Group Counseling for women 18+ and the Hampton Roads Community Health Center mobile dental van provided onsite dental services to families.

**Economic Mobility:** The ODU DreamBuilder Program is a 9-session program assisting residents who are exploring business ownership. Participants are earning a DreamBuilder certificate and completing a business plan. A financial literacy class is offered to Tidewater Gardens residents interested in savings, debt reduction, credit repair and sound financial habits. Bank On is a 5-Month Financial Literacy Program offered by the City and combines in person classroom teaching with one-on-one coaching.

**Relocation** 120-day notices were issued to 45 households in phases 1B & 1C at the end of October and 22 households in phase 2A in December. People First hosted two group mobility counseling sessions with households in 2A prior to the issuance of the notices in addition to their ongoing individual mobility and family coaching sessions.

### Resident Services and Engagement Snapshot (as of 11/30/20)

- Engaged in People First Services: 1,382 People (includes children)/
  508 Households
- Total number of household assessments completed: 430
- Service linkages since August 1, 2019: 475
- Housing Stability Interventions: 60
- Relocations: 256 (127 of which utilized Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV))



#### REDEVELOPMENT

# Housing: Blocks 17 & 18

Blocks 17 (68 units) & 18 (72 units), situated currently between St. Paul's Boulevard and Fenchurch Street, will be redeveloped into two mixed-use, mixed-income buildings with family apartment units and ground floor commercial and community

space. This month City Council approved the conditional use permit, rezoning, and development certificate for Blocks 17 & 18 following approvals from the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and City Planning Commission (CPC). These blocks will join Blocks 19 (70 units) and 20 (120 units) as early builds in the transformation, producing more than 300 new units in 2022 and 2023.

**Community Engagement:** Recruitment is underway for a resident focus group meeting that will take place late January to obtain feedback to guide the continued housing and neighborhood planning for the Tidewater Gardens CNI footprint.



**Demolition:** NRHA began demolition work (Phase 1A) on one vacant public housing building on the corner of Fenchurch and Wood Streets this month to make way for the new pump station. Watch the video here.

**Economic Inclusion:** As a result of the work of the Economic Inclusion Taskforce, City Council passed an Inclusive Procurement Ordinance this month with aspirational citywide contracting goals of 12% for minority-owned businesses and 13% for women-owned businesses. The St. Paul's Transformation will serve as the pilot for the citywide economic inclusion plan which will further guide the development of citywide processes and implementation. Brinshore Development, Inc. affirmed this effort by adopting the same goals in their

Economic Inclusion Plan for the project which was included in a presentation to City Council on December 22nd.

City Infrastructure: Requests for Proposals for stormwater infrastructure improvements on Posey Lane and Wood Street and the new pump station were released and bids are due this month. Phase I design work is nearing 100% completion. Phase II design work is approaching 30% and currently tracking to meet BUILD Grant schedule. This includes all new road, utility, sewer, water, and stormwater infrastructure that will support the transformed Tidewater Gardens community.

**New Website Coming Soon:** A new and improved St. Paul's website is coming in the new year. Keep an eye on <u>www.stpaulsdistrict.org</u> for a new look and for all St. Paul's updates.

# ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC):

Next Virtual Meeting: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Tune in here.

